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The Peerless Commoner Comes to Town. 25,000 People Hear Him Speak.

The ovation tendered Col. Bryan on his arrival in the city on Monday is one of which any American citizen can be proud. Seated in a splendid machine, accompanied by the Mayor and chief of police, followed by a long automobile parade, Col. Bryan's route along Main, Spring, Broadway and Hill streets, was viewed by the thousands of people that lined the streets and who tendered him one continued ovation. Such is the place that Mr. Bryan holds in the hearts of the people that his coming though a private citizen, attracts more people than does the coming of the nation's chief magistrate. His hold upon the people is confined to neither race, creed or nationality; but embraces the whole, hence the people turn out en masse to greet his coming. Such was the mass of humanity that lined Hill Street from Fourth street to the auditorium that it was with difficulty that the police kept the multitude back so that the procession could pass.

Although the speech to the women at the auditorium was scheduled for 10:30 A. M., 4,500 women were packed in the auditorium by 9 o'clock, and more than 2,000 surrounded the door seeking admission in vain. In response to their request, he made a short speech to an overflow meeting of 2,000 people in front of the auditorium.

Speaks to 18,000 at Fiesta Park.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Bryan had delivered three addresses

since 10 o'clock, when he rose to speak at Fiesta Park he seemed at his best, his voice being clearly audible to every person in the park. And for more than two hours a great multitude of something like 18,000 people was swayed by his matchless wit and logic.

He devoted a short portion of his speech to the failure of Mr. Taft's administration, Mr. Taft being referred to as a negligible quantity. While declaring his belief in Mr. Taft's honesty, he declared that Mr. Taft from birth and environments had no confidence in the people and that his lack of confidence in the people constituted in itself a sufficient reason why he should not be re-elected. He created no end of merriment at Mr. Taft's expense and while not treating him as a dangerous character, he was held up as utterly unfit to be the ruler of a great cosmopolitan people.

Bryan Epigrams.

"As Jefferson drew the line between parties 100 years ago, they are still divided, on the elementary issue of government by aristocracy or by democracy.

"All over the world the party that is democratic in spirit is the growing party, and the one that is aristocratic in tendency is the dying party."

"Mr. Taft has stood still while the people have moved on. He feels toward the people as a mother feels toward her boy with a knife; Mr. Taft fears the people will

cut themselves with direct legislation."

"In his tariff vetoes Mr. Taft arrayed himself on the side of the taxeaters instead of the taxpayers."

"The people should not now jump from the Taft frying pan into the Roosevelt fire."

"Mr. Roosevelt came into Progressive vineyard not at the eleventh hour, but at quarter to twelve."

"Most of the good planks in the Bull Moose platform are taken from democratic platforms of the past sixteen years."

"Mr. Taft is like the driftwood that gathers around the rocks in the stream; the current is moving on, but he is clinging to the obstructions."

Col. Roosevelt Skinned.

Mr. Bryan regards Col. Roosevelt and his ambition as so threatening to the liberties of the American people that he devoted fully an hour to a discussion of the Colonel and his theories.

Unlimited Presidency.

"But if conditions could be made worse Mr. Roosevelt makes them worse, for just at the time when he is asking us to revolutionize our government in order to give the trusts a permanent place in our country, just at the time when he is striking down the power of the State to protect the people and leaving the people dependent upon the tender mercies of a President-appointed bureau—just at

this time he also announces that we ought to destroy the two-term President and leave the President open to as many return engagements as he may desire. I have tried to get him to tell how many terms he thinks a President ought to have, and the nearest I have come to it was at Denver the other day when he went far enough to say if it was not a consecutive term then that none of the arguments against a third term would lie. What a pity Grant didn't know that! How conclusive it would have been when Grant wanted a third term under conditions identical with Mr. Roosevelt's demand. And yet Grant, though the leader of the armies in the greatest war of history, was denied a third term by the very soldiers who followed him in that war. But Mr. Roosevelt just brushes it aside and says these arguments don't lie if a man has been to Africa in the meantime. (Laughter.)

Against this plan of an unlimited Presidency, whether consecutive or of the leap-frog variety, I present the traditions of a hundred years—of Washington—the father of his country; Jefferson who gave his name to the lovers of liberty of all time, and Jackson who saved the country from a bank conspiracy. Yet Mr. Roosevelt wants you to organize a new party in order to defy the precedents that have come down from Washington and from Jefferson. Will the people do it? (Cries of "No, no, no.") I can't believe in the faith of a President weighed in the balance and found wanting, in the faith of another President who has received all the honors that any American ought to desire, and who today stands for two doctrines that must be repugnant to the conscience of a vast majority of our people—I cannot believe that the people will endorse his position on trusts nor his position on the third term."

The President's Great Power.

"The President has more power

in his hand than any King, or Czar, or Emperor. Hundreds of thousands of men hang for employment upon his word. He is commander-in-chief of the army and the navy. No battleship can turn its prow to the ocean without his command, and no soldier of Uncle Sam can forward march without his order. When a frail human being so weak as men are in the presence of temptations, when a frail human being is elevated to this supreme pinnacle of power, he should tear from his breast every shred of ambition, and on his bended knees consecrate his term to his country's service with no selfish purpose to blind his eyes or pervert his judgement. (Appaluse.) That is our idea of the Presidency. Is it too big for the American people? Is it not time for us to recognize that the President is the greatest official in the world, and so hedge him about that when he retires from office he can feel that he has lived up to the very letter as well as to the spirit of the oath that he takes upon himself? It is a great campaign. Great issues are at stake. And I consider it a great privilege to represent my party and plead with you to give California's vote to Wilson and to Marshall. (Applause, cheers.)

MULATTOS INCREASING RAPIDLY IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A preliminary statement showing by states the Negro population in the United States and the proportion of mulattos to full-blooded Negroes has been issued by the Director of Census.

The total is 9,827,763. Of this number 2,050,686 are set down as mulattos. The Negro population in 1870 was 4,880,000 with 584,049 mulattos. In 1870 the mulattos were 12 per cent of the whole, while in 1910 it was practically 21 per cent.

Most of the increase has been in the Northern states. This, it is said, is not necessarily because of intermarriage between whites and

Negroes, but is due largely to the natural increase that would come from the marriage of full-blooded Negroes to mulattos.

RAGTIME NEEDED IN SCHOOL SAYS FRANCIS

"There is not enough ragtime in our education!" declared J. H. Francis, superintendent of city schools, to 1500 teachers who assembled for the first official meeting of the year at Los Angeles high school this morning.

Mr. Francis was given an ovation as he stepped on the stage. "I don't mean by ragtime that our entertainment must be on a lower level," he said. "But I mean a human, vitalizing touch that will teach children how to be joyous, constructive, efficient and hopeful.

"You, as educators, must save souls to educate. Save them by cooking classes, or by typewriters, or by whatever will reach the human soul, and forget the course of study."

The general teacher's meeting was preceded by a meeting of all city principals.

All city schools will open Monday morning. Fifteen additional ungraded rooms will be opened Monday, with the ultimate object of having three or four in each intermediate and high school.

The school gardens will be increased to 100 this year, and the playgrounds and vocational work enlarged.

STOPPED FIGHTIN' TOO SOON

At a Confederate Re-union held some years ago in Birmingham, Ala., at which ten thousand Confederate veterans took part, an old Confederate veteran, standing on a street corner, surrounded by a crowd, was crying as if his heart would break. A young man attracted by the curious crowd stepped up to him and said:

"What's the matter Mr. are you hurt?"

"No," the old man replied.

"Has anyone insulted you?" next inquired the stranger.

"No, by G—, they darsen't to," he replied.

"Then what's your trouble?" Pointing to the passing parade the old man said: "If I hader knowd that thar was that many of us rebels left, I woulder been fightin' yet?"

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

THE GRAND OPENING OF LUNA PARK

The grand opening of Luna Park under the new management with Mr. W. H. Washington as head was a great success. About 1,000 people took part in the opening celebration. The management feels elated with the splendid beginning. The whole affair was orderly and creditable; that, however, is usually the case with amusements under Mr. Washington's control.

Mr. A. J. Haynes has purchased a beautiful cottage at 658 East 36th street, where he will reside in the future. Mr. Haynes is a Spanish War veteran and a man of sterling worth.

Mrs. Ida Edmonds-Elgin who spent a 10 day's vacation in the San Joaquin Valley, returned Tuesday. She reports a pleasant trip, being the recipient of many courtesies by the farmers of the valley. She went on several excursions about the country.

Mrs. E. V. Moxley of Santa Monica, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, accompanied by her daughter Ona were visitors to the city this week.

The California All Star Quartette sang Wednesday evening, Sept. 18 at Columbia Hall, Santa Monica. The members of this famous quartette are Messrs. J. C. Payne, Ivan H. Browning, S. S. R. S. Stewart and Joseph T. Hill. The Program was excellently rendered and appreciated by all who heard it.

Mrs. Carter and granddaughter, Mayme, who spent 10 days in Los Angeles have returned home — Fifth street, Santa Monica.

Miss Hazel Searcey spent a week visiting in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hardwick and son are in our city now.

Mr. Walter Harrison of San Bernardino is visiting in Ocean Park en route home from San Diego.

Misses Flavia Whitley, Mayme Carter, Hazel Brown and Mr. George Hunt are students in the Santa Monica High School this year.

Mr. H. A. Reaves paid Duarte a visit last Sunday.

Have you registered? If not you must register before the 6th of October. Remember you cannot vote unless you register and your vote will be needed this fall. So register today.

BIG DEBATE AT THE LYCEUM

The Lyceum's big debate, "Resolved that the Progressive Party Should Not Have the Colored Vote," will take place Sunday evening, Sept. 29th. Mr. E. B. McClellan and L. A. Watson will represent the affirmative and Mr. J. Thos. Norris will represent the "Bull Moose." He will be assisted by a young orator to be named later.

When the judges retire to make up their decision the question will be thrown open to the audience for general debate. Good music consisting of patriotic songs.

Mrs. J. Silone Yates, honorary president of the N. A. C. W. and the leading educator of our race, died suddenly in Kanass City, Mo., last week.

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OLD FOLKS' HOME FOR INDIGENT

A movement significant as an attempt at racial betterment among colored people of Southern California is the opening yesterday of the Old Folk's Home at Linwood tract, near Albia, in Los Angeles county. The home will house aged and indigent Negroes, who might become public charges, orphans, whose instruction will be looked after, and members of the ministerial profession who have been retired.

Two years ago five acres of land were bought for the home at a cost of \$6,000. Rev. Chester H. Anderson has been installed as superintendent. For twenty-five years he resided in Los Angeles as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, the oldest colored congregation in Southern California. Two years ago, when the church showed a membership of 700, mainly as a result of his efforts, he resigned and organized the New Hope Baptist Church, which now has 400 members.

At the twenty-first annual session of the Western Baptist Association, held recently at Pasadena, he was by unanimous vote chosen moderator of the association.

He was later selected by the same body as financial agent to collect sums donated by friends of the colored race. Under his leadership the colored Baptists of the county are now making an effort to raise \$3,500 for the erection of an additional building to care for indigent Negroes. This project is meeting with encouragement from philanthropic white citizens who are willing to assist in the effort toward the uplift of the race.

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The Kicker Was Placated.

"The plan to have number of leading colored men who have been training with the Progressives to meet Mr. Roosevelt had been carefully worked out by an astute race politician, but in order to placate a "kicker" was taken out his hands."

The Weekly Progress.

The above paragraph from the Weekly Progress' report of the interview between Col. Roosevelt and the colored delegation intimates that the plan of some "astute politician" was spolieed. From

the above statement the disappointed politician in spite of his astuteness amounts to nothing when brought in contact with a "kicker." From the paragraph quoted the "astute politician" in question intimates that after lying awake many nights planing to have certain gentlemen meet the Colonel that "a kicker" appeared upon the scene and in order to placate him, the kicker, the whole thing was put into the kicker's hands.

This is news to us and, if what the "astute politician" says is true, he has our sympathy. In the meantime we would like to meet that "kicker" and have him infuse into our worn and weary body some of his energy that we might be enabled to kick some of our cheap grafters out of town.

Let us have a few less "astute politicians" and more "kickers."

A Wanton Aspersion Cast Upon Mr. Avery.

In his wail concerning the committee that interviewed Col. Roosevelt, the editor of the New Age displayed considerable soreness. But from the following paragraph copied from that paper, viz:

"It was announced that arrangements were all made and that Atty. Wickliffe had a set of questions to offer and that they were presentable because Mr. Avery had seen a copy of them."

the spleen of the writer becomes evident. For the writer of the above paragraph knew, or could have known for the asking, that Mr. Avery not only did not see the address before it was delivered but did not even request that it be submitted to him. Mr. Avery is a gentleman of whole cloth and would not have humiliated the committee by making such a request. The writer of the above paragraph in attempting to discredit Atty. Wickliffe has placed Mr. Avery in an embarrassing position.

In view of the fact that Prof. W. E. Easton called at the office of Atty. Wickliffe on Tuesday

morning after the interview, and was informed that Mr. Avery had not seen or heard the address until it was delivered to Col. Roosevelt would make it appear that there is a conspiracy on foot in that office to distort the facts.

Farther on The New Age insults Col. Roosevelt and the Progressive Committee by referring to the interview as a Jim Crow meeting. In view of the fact that the editor of the New Age was a party to the interview isn't it a little strange that he would refer to it as a Jim Crow meeting?

THAT "JULIAN HARRIS LETTER"

Since the publication in these columns of the able address delivered to Col. Roosevelt by Atty. Wickliffe on behalf of the colored delegation that interviewed him, we have had numerous calls by both white and colored people for copies of the "Julian Harris letter." We are pleased to announce that we have about a thousand copies of that letter that were picked up after they had been thrown away, and appreciating their importance, we have them and will be glad to furnish a copy, so long as they last, to any person desiring one.

"THE WAY TO GET RID OF CROOKEDNESS AND DISHONESTY IS TO EXPOSE IT."

On last Sunday we had the honor of an introduction to a distinguished colored veteran from New Orleans, Louisiana.

While holding our hand he said: "I have just read a copy of your paper, *the Liberator*" and I am certainly pleased with the work you are doing. Your position on dishonesty and crookedness among the Negroes deserves the support and encouragement of every well wisher of the race. It is hard to estimate the harm that comes to our race through the actions of the crooks among us. And I especially urge you people here to suppress the idle, law-breaking

Negro. The way to accomplish this result is to expose and frown upon this class."

He seemed greatly pleased when we informed him of the good work that the colored policemen were accomplishing along this line in the city.

He said: "Don't worry because the evilly inclined speak ill of you. Simply strike the harder. The opportunities of a whole race should not be blasted by tolerating the criminal element."

We feel very grateful to friends, especially the ladies for the words of encouragement and financial aid that we have recently received from them. In a humble way we are serving them and the community at large to the best of our ability. And it is indeed a source of great strength to be assured by them that our labors are neither in vain or wasted by lack of appreciation. Let every reader of this journal who feels thus to give us flowers while we live.

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